

## Be Longing

**Intro** meaning Be Longing: The movement from being constituted as an individual self to be longing towards the other, thus creating a type of fluid relationality. This “other” can be thought of as community, another person, an object, a space, a place, a feeling an urgency...etc. Learning and understanding our “belongings” allows us to actively question and imagine how we are in relation to one another, our surrounding world, and structures of power. With this in mind, our belongings are deeply rooted in the political conditions we live in, each holding a set of power relationships, creating what Aimee Carrillo Rowe calls a “politics of relation.”

Belongings workshop “growing a deeper understanding of our practice, its location and the people you share space and time with”

**PART 1 questions:** *what are your belongings/ which belongings do you bring to this group?*

*Spatial > where are you belongings located (place/space)*

*Contextual > what are your ties/ideals? (concepts/themes)*

**Relational** > A) *how do you build community*

*B) how do you fail your community (and what are ways in which you try to reconcile?)*

**Structure:** Gathering around the table in a circle, with one person holding a green ball of thread. This person answered the question “*where are you belongings located?*”, and then passed the ball on to a different (random) person at the table, while holding on to the thread. Continued this process throughout all the 3 stages, slowly but surely making a web of connections on the table. After the web is created, write down your answers on post-it's and placed them on one of your own lines on the web.

The WEB is the starting point for the next part of the workshop

### Part 2 making connections

**Connections:** Walked around the table looking for connections between the answers and thus creating a pathway of connectivity, which we connect and write down on paper. The connections each makes in the web of belongings are connections you see. Meaning, that it's not necessarily the connection other people see or agree with.

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**Part 3 building together:** We look at the pathways of connectivity. And pick out some connections we discuss a bit further. *What can we build right now? What collaborations can we start here? What project can we make?*